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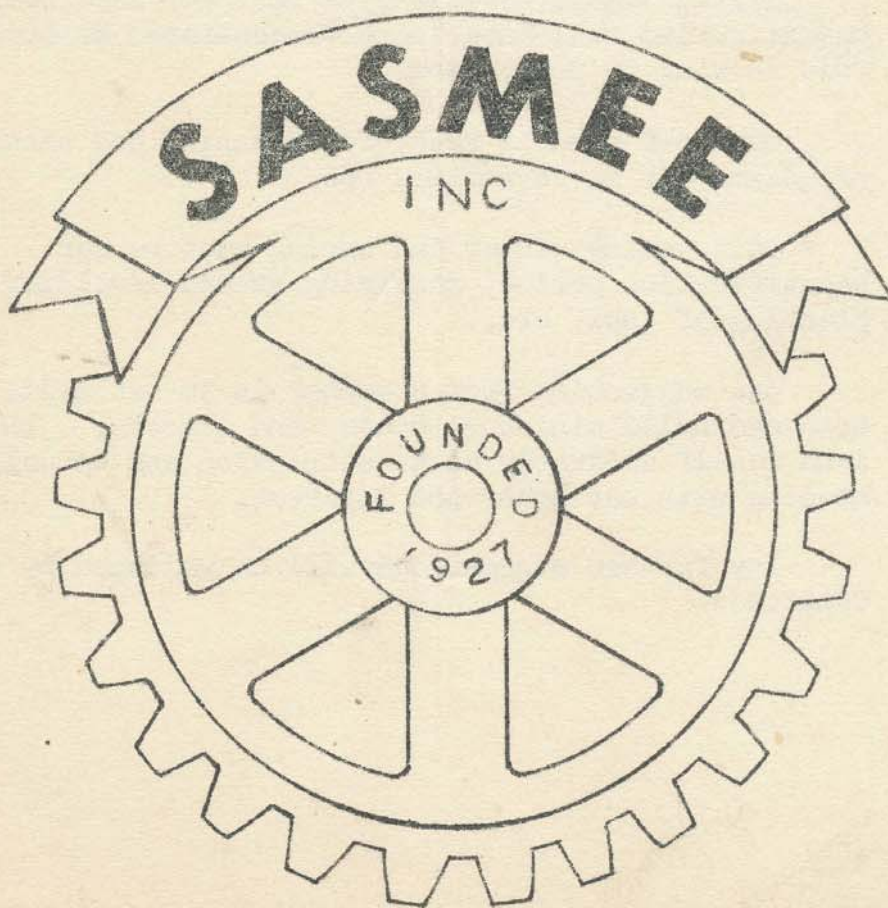
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EDITORIAL

Our building programme is running very well, being a little further advanced than anticipated. The first section of track has been completed and our February field day was held on it with great satisfaction.

The March working bee will consist mainly of cleaning up and shifting a lot of earth to make the car ramp over the tunnel and generally improve this area for safety before starting on the second phase.

Signalling is definitely a must for safe train operation and will have to be concentrated on to have this working to perfection.

Our boat pond is ready for cleaning and should be organized for March working bee.

This coming winter and spring must be our beautification period, requiring ground levelling and planting of lawn, etc..

One suggestion from a member is to set aside an area and build miniature houses and layouts. This would lend itself admirably as an attraction and is well in keeping with our hobby and interest.

Any further suggestions will be welcomed by the Committee.

PAUSE AND REMEMBER

On March 6th, it will be 12 months since Vic Messell passed away. ~~As a token of respect, the Committee decided to place a momerium in the "Advertiser".~~

An old member whom we do not see now, Mr. Bert Wood, is in ill health and is unable to get along to our meetings. He would appreciate any member dropping in for a chat.

Easter is just around the corner, the 27th March being Good Friday. If you would like to meet your fellow modellers, plan now for this year's Easter Gathering to be held in Melbourne - see "News from Other Clubs", page 6.

CURRENT TOPICS

Member Fred Hercus gave us a fine resume' on his recent world trip, with some fine movies on locomotives in other countries.

A particularly fine film on the narrow gauges in England, including the Romney Hythe-Dymchurch Railway, left most of us wishing that this was nearer to us. Many thanks Fred, for your efforts, enabling us to see that steam is still supreme.

A new model supplies shop has opened in Adelaide. This is Books and Models, Gawler Place, Adelaide, between Pirie and Flinders Streets. It is right behind the dancing school on the corner of Pirie Street, which used to be Atkins Tool Store. They cater for technical and historical books and general models and hobbies.

Mr. Vic Hill is the "model" man and Len Opie is the "book" man. They are worth a visit from any enthusiasts of locomotives, ships and cars.

They are keen to design or obtain any type of supplies, or information.

QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETINGS: Second Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

March 10th. We would like a talk on home Cad. Plating of small articles. Can anyone oblige?

April 14th. Our Merry Mariner (Herb Croker) will conclude his talk on his experiences at sea. Herb's talk last year whet our appetite. You are assured of another bright and hilarious evening.

May 12th. Annual General Meeting. Reports of the year's activities; Election of Officers.

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS: Fourth Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

Open Discussions, on any of your Model or Workshop problems.

March 24th: April 28th: May 26th:

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: First Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m.

March 3rd: April 7th: May 5th:

WORKING BEES: First Saturday each month at 9.00 a.m.

March 7th: April 4th: May 2nd:

FIELD DAYS: Third Saturday each month at 2.00 p.m.

March 21st: April 18th: May 16th:

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS.SURREY HAS LIVE STEAMERS

The big Easter Gathering of the Model Engineers Fraternity is being held in Melbourne this Easter, and Stan Millican has given us the details.

Good Friday and Easter Saturday is being held at Fred Pascoe's track at Seaford. Those intending to make the trip can book in at the Frankston Hotel - this is about a mile or so from Fred's. Saturday night will be the usual social evening.

Easter Sunday and Easter Monday will be held at Vin O'Toole's, 52, Bellaring Street, Geelong. A motel and caravan park is situated about two or three minutes walk to Vin's, so this is very handy.

For those making their first trip on these gatherings, you can be assured of a good time, good company and excellent social and catering arrangements. Also, Surrey Hills members will arrange a special outing and tours programme for those wishing to do a bit of sightseeing.

Both these members have an excellent track, so running should be very enjoyable.

Stan also reports that they have discovered an agent for Stuart Turner models in Melbourne and have ordered some catalogues and engines. He will forward more information later.

WEST RYDE LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY.

Our member, Ken Middleton, who was in Sydney for a short period recently, made a trip to West Ryde to see what was going on and reports that they are going well with their 5" gauge track. They were having a working bee and were very pleased to see Ken.

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS (contd)

They send us their wishes and threats of what happens if our track is not ready for Easter, 1965. They are all keen to come over and enjoyed the outline of what has been done so far.

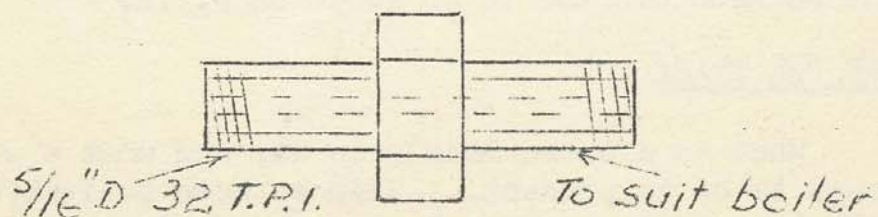
WHYALLA SOCIETY MODEL ENGINEERS

What a bunch of enthusiasts they are. A letter from Secretary, Max Munchenberg tells us that they have finished their track and are getting on to steaming up accessories and amenities. It looks as if we may be able to arrange a visit to them on the Queen's Birthday week-end in June. Any comments, let's have them.

SAFETY REPORT

The last quarter has seen the testing of a couple of locomotive boilers. These are Ralph Skewe's $3\frac{1}{2}$ " g. Jubilee - a fine job, and Joe Vardon's $3\frac{1}{2}$ " g. Canterbury Lamb - also a fine job. Both these boilers proved satisfactory and have been logged.

Members wishing to have a boiler tested must provide a fitting to this specification...



AROUND THE GROUNDSTHE BOAT POND

At the moment, this is being drained for cleaning. The water has receded to almost nothing at the shallow end, and I would think that in the next few weeks your help will be required to drag the bottom and shift all the rubbish and residue clay.

A problem is, what to do with the fish. It has been suggested that we net as many of the largest ones as possible and put them in a drum for a week to keep them, so as to return them to the pond when cleaned. Any ideas on any of the problems associated with cleaning the pond will be welcomed.

With water very low in the Pond, it was rather surprising to see the boats operating for our February field day, but it was appreciated by the large crowd.

Eric Powditch's paddle-wheeler looked nice heading across the deep end and, at times, veering to the centre and shallow end. This no doubt gave many a thrill and also, I heard many remarks about the advantages of a shallow draught and paddle wheel.

Norm Kernick again sent spray flying with one of his boats. This was run on a shorter line than usual, owing to shallow water, and amazed many who thought it would not float in such a shallow depth. I doubt whether it did float. When I saw it, it was almost flying- just about touching the water every 4 ft. or so. Bob Jackson clocked it at about 44 m.p.h.

THE CAR TRACK

What an eyesore this area is, and what a white elephant it seems to be at present. With so much activity in construction this has really been neglected and needs a good clean up. How

AROUND THE GROUNDS (contd)

about a couple of you car members who have not been along to working bees, getting together and giving it a clean up? After all, you are members and have the responsibility of assisting as much as the boat and loco chaps.

THE RAIL TRACK

As most of you regulars know, the first section of this has been completed and our February field day was held on it, with great satisfaction to all. We had a large crowd and our temporary station arrangements worked well.

S A S M E E "SUB-DIVISIONS" ?

Seeing that I have been spending a great deal of time tending a little corner of S A S M E E, some thoughtful and jovial member has invested me with a land title "Peckham's Corner".

Perhaps this idea could be extended - here are a couple of starters - "Murray's Bridge" and then, "Morrie's Folly". Any other suggestions?

AMONGST OURSELVES

It was pleasing to see Joe Vardon on the track with his Hei'len Lassie, which looked nice and sounded good climbing from the tunnel and over the bridge.

Ken Middleton had his 0.60 Loco running also for the first time at a field day and performed well. To begin with, Ken and yours truly with Juliet, double headed. This looked well and caused many remarks - I daresay quite a bit of film was used on it.

The shaping machine which was for sale, as announced at the last two meetings, has been sold.

Do you want to build a 5" gauge loco? If so, a set of 6 wheels which will finish $4\frac{3}{4}$ " diam. are available from Morry Turner. These belonged to John Welch and all that John wants for them is the price of the cast iron. This will give someone cheap wheels. See Morry, he'll be glad to help you.

All the pressure gauges have been sold, but if you require one, let Ralph or myself know as we intend ordering some more in the near future.

Many thanks to Mrs. Croker for her regular attendance in the Canteen on field days, and to both Herb and his wife for their generous arrangements with the sweets.

Well, we have it! An infernal diesel. Yes! Bob Smith has finished his 900 class diesel and it looks good and does a good job. Bob is pleased, I am sure. He has done a good job on solving and building it as a first effort.

Good luck, Bob, and may you enjoy many hours of running.

AMONGST OURSELVES (contd)

Our February field day convinced me, after getting my foot jammed under my riding truck, that braking is necessary. So I have now fitted my truck with same.

Claude Miller had a lucky escape from injury. When he was derailed just out of the tunnel by his passengers, it almost wrecked his truck, shearing through the 1" angle iron and ripping the foot boards, etc. clean off.

Our electric signal gave us a bit of trouble by not clearing at times. That's how I had my mishap, trying to stop for the signal only to find that, although it gave me a red, the track was clear. Roger was also lucky - he had the all-clear and flew into the tunnel and on leaving, almost ran into a train coming backwards. Bob's diesel had a minor trouble, however, all was soon righted.

I guess this gave poor old Tom a headache for a while!

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